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Mounted police charge a crowd of demonstrating haredim on the edge of Jerusalem's Mea Shearim quarter yesterday. (Gustavo Feinblatt/Media)

28 Shabbat protesters arrested

Mounted police charge haredim in Jerusalem

By ANDY COURT
 Police charged and beat ultra-Orthodox demonstrators near Mea Shearim in Jerusalem yesterday, arresting 28 protesters in the seventh weekend of demonstrations against Friday night movies.

Ultra-Orthodox demonstrators appeared at 24 major intersections throughout the capital in the afternoon shouting "Shabbos" at passing cars.

At most locations, demonstrators just shouted without obstructing traffic according to Jerusalem Police Spokesman Rafi Levy. At three other locations, however, there were disturbances.

Demonstrators threw bottles and rocks and tried to block traffic on Bar Ilan Street and at the intersection of Jaffa Road and Hatoren Street, Levy said. Water cannons

and tear gas were used to disperse the demonstrators at both locations.

To arrest a suspected stone-thrower who was hiding in the Magen Avraham Synagogue off Bar Ilan Street, according to a photographer who witnessed the scene, Border Policemen burst into the synagogue and reportedly pulled the offender out by his sidecloths.

At Shivei Yisrael and Haneviim Streets — a recurrent hot spot — police used a different approach from the week before, when gas and a water cannon kept the demonstrators at bay and no one was arrested. This time, police on horses and on foot charged the demonstrators, swinging their clubs and beating those who held their ground or did not flee fast enough. Secular spectators cheered and clapped as the police charged.

Several ultra-Orthodox were observed being beaten, though they offered no resistance. Blood trickled from the head and covered the shirt of one of those arrested. The street was covered with skulls, round fur hats, and shoes that the demonstrators had left behind. One of the young ultra-Orthodox protesters fleeing wore swimming goggles to protect his eyes from teargas.

The ultra-Orthodox arrested were taken to the police lock-up in the Russian Compound. Some walked to the spot, but others were taken in police vans.

Levy said that the detainees would be held overnight, as the police investigate and decide how they will handle the individual cases.

Police charged because the ultra-Orthodox were advancing to the

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50 killed in deadliest raid since 1982 invasion

IAF hits camps near Sidon

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
 Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Air Force yesterday launched its deadliest attack in Lebanon since the 1982 war, blasting several targets near Sidon. According to Lebanese reports 50 people were killed and 52 wounded. Senior Fatah commanders may be among the casualties.

The targets selected for yesterday's attack were similar to those hit in previous raids, authoritative defence sources said. They insisted the attack did not reflect a change of policy. The number of casualties was high because the raid was launched on a Sabbath and the enemy did not expect it, the sources said.

The attack was the first to be launched on a Sabbath since the 1982 War and reports from Lebanon

confirmed the timing had taken the Palestinians by surprise. Apparently Palestinians who used to leave their camps in the early morning to avoid being hit in a raid were certain none would be held yesterday and were caught off guard.

The planes — 12, according to an AFP report from Sidon — appeared overhead at 10.20. For some 20 minutes they dropped bombs and fired rockets. According to the IDF spokesman they scored accurate hits. The enemy fired anti-aircraft missiles — but missed.

The IDF spokesman's statement said the targets were two terrorist buildings south of Sidon. One served as headquarters for at least three Palestinian organizations and the other as a headquarters and probably a storage dump. The targets were near the Sinik river, some

four kilometres south of Sidon, a military source added.

Terrorists had planned to launch attacks on Israel from those sites, the IDF spokesman added.

The reports from Lebanon said the Air Force attacked two Fatah naval bases south of Sidon, a Fatah base in the sprawling Ein al-Hilweh refugee camp, a target belonging to a leftist Nasserist organization and an Amal position at Magdouche on the hills east of Sidon.

The attack demolished a two-storey building, burying seven occupants alive, AFP reported.

As the planes headed back for Israel, armed Palestinians cleared roads in Sidon and ambulances raced towards the billowing clouds of smoke to rescue the wounded, who jammed local hospitals.

At least two of the dead were

children killed at the Ein al-Hilweh camp. Reporters saw a 40-year-old mother, identified as Umm Mahmoud, cradling the bloody remains of her 10-year-old daughter. "All of them have died. Where shall I go? I don't have a family any more," she wailed.

A 26-year-old man was seen staggering wildly from the scene of the attack yelling for an ambulance. "My mother is dying in there — under the rubble," he cried.

But the rescue teams' efforts were hampered by huge craters the rockets and bombs had gouged. Teams also feared Israel had dropped explosives with delayed-action fuses, the agencies indicated.

The Sidon area has been a PLO stronghold, with Yasser Arafat's Fatah commanding considerable support in the refugee camps.

Police brace for mass IAI protest in capital

By BERNARD JOSEPHS
 Jerusalem Post Reporter

A massive police operation will go into effect today when thousands of angry aircraft workers demonstrate outside the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem to protest against the scrapping of the Lavi.

A police spokesman said last night that 1,000 policemen would be mobilized to control the rally in which up to 20,000 Israel Aircraft Industry workers are expected to take part.

Border Police, mounted units and officers equipped with tear gas grenade launchers will confront the protesters as they march seven times around the buildings in the government complex — including the Prime Minister's Office — where a cabinet meeting will be under way.

Three streets — Rehov Rupin, Rehov Wolfson and Rehov Kaplan — will be closed to traffic from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m., said the police official.

Tension was mounting last night among the workers about today's demonstration, which follows a week of increasingly bitter confrontations between the IAI employees and the police.

On Thursday, 10 people were injured, nine of them workers, when police fired tear gas on demonstrators who, they said, were attempting to break through the fence surrounding the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem. Several people were arrested.

Southern District police chief Commander Rahamin Comfort on Friday granted the permit for the rally on condition that the workers do not block roads near the Prime Minister's Office and do not disrupt the cabinet meeting or block ministers' paths as they arrive.

A spokesman for the IAI Employees Committee, Nissim Moses, said he and his colleagues would do their best to ensure the demonstration is orderly. "We want a passive rally, not a violent one," he said.

But, he continued: "It is the police and not us who are responsible for the violence that has taken place so far. We have video film of what

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London Observer:

U.S., Iran held secret talks in Switzerland

By DAVID HOROVITZ
 Jerusalem Post Correspondent and Agencies

LONDON. — Top American and Iranian representatives met secretly in Switzerland last week to discuss the crisis in the Gulf, the Observer reported yesterday.

The newspaper quotes a well-placed Iranian source as saying that the American delegation included advisers to both Vice-President Bush and Secretary of State Shultz. The Iranian delegation was reportedly led by Mohsen Raftsanjani, son of the speaker of the Iranian parliament.

The delegations were reported to have explored the possibilities of a closer relationship between America and Iranian moderates.

Iranian speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani claimed in a speech last week that Iran had received messages from the U.S. seeking an improvement in relations.

Four British minesweepers, with

two British warships in support, passed yesterday through the Suez Canal en route to the Gulf, where they are expected in a week's time, the Defence Ministry announced in London.

Iran has apparently fired three missiles at Kuwait in the last four days and one streaked over a tanker to land close to a refinery, diplomatic and oil sources said here earlier yesterday.

The sources said that in the latest attack a missile exploded in the sea off the oil-rich emirate at the head of the troubled gulf around 5 a.m. yesterday.

Kuwaiti authorities have said that a missile struck the emirate on Friday. They blamed Iran and protested to the UN.

But they have not said anything about an explosion heard by residents soon after daybreak yesterday or a similar blast last Wednesday.

The Defence Ministry yesterday said no one was injured.

Fatah seen behind slaying of cartoonist

By YEHUDA LITANI
 Israel experts say it is now evident that Palestinian cartoonist Najji el-Ali, who was shot in London in July and died late last month, was killed by Fatah operatives under instructions of their superiors.

El-Ali, who did not belong to any Palestinian organization, had aimed his barbs (especially after the Lebanon War in 1982) at the PLO leadership, including Yasser Arafat (see cartoon).

A few days before el-Ali was shot, Fatah's official magazine *Filastin al-Thawra*, published a warning to him. In an article signed by the magazine's literary editor, el-Ali was warned that the ink [of his cartoons] was contaminating the blood [of Palestinian heroes].

Israeli experts say that el-Ali's assassination, along with the recent assassination of the commander of Force 17 in Sidon and the attempt on Ali Shabhin in the same area, indicate a split within Fatah ranks and point up Arafat's weakening position.

The experts add that the internal fight in the Sidon area could signal a split between Arafat and his deputy, Abu Jihad (Khalil el-Wazir). Ali Shabhin is considered Abu Jihad's representative in the south of Lebanon, while Force 17's commander was linked to Arafat.



A typical cartoon by assassinated cartoonist Najji el-Ali. The caption reads: 'My hobby used to be collecting pictures of the leaders who once called for the liberation of Palestine, but after the (Israeli) invasion of Lebanon I only collect the picture frames.'

An article published recently in another Fatah magazine *Shuoun Filastiniya* (published in Cyprus) by the ex-Israeli Arab writer and journalist, Sabri Jiryis, attacks the present leadership of the PLO and Fatah with unprecedented vehemence.

The experts add that Fatah is also suffering a serious financial crisis felt in the occupied territories in all branches of the organization.

It could be — the experts continue — that opposition to Arafat's leadership is gaining strength in anticipation of an attempt to deprive Arafat

of power and make him a figurehead.

If this happens, the experts say, there is no doubt that the PLO will become more extreme, depending more on terror and less on diplomacy.

Vanunu disavows 'Cindy' in letter to his girlfriend

By DAVID HOROVITZ
 in London
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 in Jerusalem

In another twist to the ongoing Mordechai Vanunu saga, the London daily *The Independent* reported over the weekend that the former Dimona nuclear technician has denied being lured from London to Rome by the famed Mossad agent "Cindy."

In letters to his American girlfriend, Judy Zimmet, Vanunu reportedly claims that the Cindy story is part of a Mossad disinformation campaign intended to cover up the true means by which he was allegedly kidnapped. Vanunu states that censorship of his letters prevents him from revealing the actual details of his abduction.

Vanunu's reported remarks conflict with those of his brother Meir, who recently told reporters in London that Cindy lured Vanunu to Rome with the promise of sex and

that he was then drugged and taken back to Israel in a cargo vessel. Meir, who now faces an Israeli arrest warrant because of his revelations, told journalists that his information came directly from his brother.

Meir's current whereabouts are unknown. He is believed to have left London, and is either in Rome, where Vanunu's alleged abduction is being investigated by an Italian magistrate, or, as brother Asher believes, in Switzerland attending a UN-sponsored meeting of non-governmental bodies in "solidarity with the Palestinian people."

The *Independent's* report also conflicts with a *Sunday Times* report which quoted eyewitnesses who said that they saw "Cindy" in Vanunu's company. *Times* reporter Peter Hounam who was in Jerusalem last week to follow up details of Vanunu's abduction left Israel yesterday and was unavailable for comment.

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Police hunt escaped cons who dug out

ASHKELON (Itim).—Police last night were still hunting for two inmates who dug their way out of the maximum security prison here on Friday.

Haim Malout, 27, of Ashkelon, and David Elisk, 28, of Ashdod, were discovered during the morning head count.

Heated Herut meet expected

By MENACHEM SHALEV
Post Political Reporter

A stormy session of the Herut Central Committee is slated to take place this afternoon in the West Bank town of Ariel with Herut leaders expected to fiercely attack the Labour Party's policies on settlements and on the cancellation of the Lavi project.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir will promise the 2,000 committee delegates that the fourth year of the national unity government will be devoted to a substantial expansion of the drive for settlements in the West Bank. The prime minister's aides said last night the although Shamir will promise to adhere to the government's guidelines, he will pledge a renewed impetus for expansion and development of existing settlements.

Many Herut delegates said over the weekend that the real focus of the meeting will be the drive to revise the cabinet vote to scrap the Lavi project. Herut sources said last night that Shamir will face much implied criticism of his handling of last Sunday's cabinet vote and his refusal to impose party discipline on Finance Minister Moshe Nissim, who voted against the Lavi.

Shamir and his fellow Herut ministers will also have to contend with a probable motion to impose party discipline on Nissim, or - even worse, from their point of view - a proposal to dismiss Nissim outright from his post.

The Central Committee is not expected to discuss the manning of the party Executive and Secretariat. Herut has been unable to reach agreement on this matter because of conflicting demands for representation by the camps in the party and by the local party branches. The Chairman of the Secretariat, former Minister Moshe Arens, has not been pressing Shamir to choose a new Secretariat because, his aides say, he gets along very well with the old

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Egyptian agent reveals Syrian sabotage effort

By YEHUDA LITANI
Post Middle East Editor

TEL AVIV. — Syrian intelligence was directly involved in a sabotage attempt 10 days ago against the SLA and the IDF - according to Ali Abd-el-Rahman Wabba, who turned himself over to the SLA on August 22, in Aisha at the Security Zone in South Lebanon.

The IDF released the story on Friday, two days after the U.S. ambassador returned to Damascus in a diplomatic thaw criticized by Israel.

Wabba was born in Cairo 33 years ago and his family lives in a village in the Minya district in upper Egypt. He is illiterate (but highly intelligent), and served in the Egyptian Army for more than three years as a military warden near Cairo.

Since 1977, Wabba worked in Lebanon (and in Beirut and Tripoli) as a servant in the homes of the wealthy. In mid 1984 he was held by Syrian intelligence in Tripoli and, according to Wabba, was forced to join a Syrian anti-Egyptian organization called "Misr el-Urubba."

Wabba, who met with Israeli journalists in Tel Aviv last week, said the Syrians had sent him from Tripoli to the Bekaa area in Lebanon to a Syrian Intelligence base in Majdal-Anjar where he met a Major Muhammad Taymur (originally an Egyptian) who was responsible there for anti-Egyptian activities.

In addition to Wabba, there were another 10 Egyptian nationals who like himself were working in Lebanon and, according to him, were also forced to join the organization.

He added that some of his colleagues who refused to take part in the organization's activities against Israel, the SLA or Egypt, were killed by the Syrians. He himself, Wabba said, was once shot and seriously wounded in his stomach.

"The Syrians shot me," he added, "after I refused to join a suicide mission in southern Lebanon."

"I stayed there," he said, "because otherwise they would have continued torturing me."

The organization's base was at Shtoor and Jdeyia in the Bekaa and from there he was sent for the first time to a suicide mission against the SLA and the IDF in December 1986.

But then, Wabba said, the Nazar Hindawi case was revealed in London and the Syrians did not want to be directly involved in such an action - so they cancelled it.

Before the recently attempted suicide mission against the SLA, Wabba was taken to Damascus. There he was filmed calling upon the Egyptians to fight against their leaders and against Israel. The text, said Wabba, was dictated to him.

A few weeks before the second attempt, Wabba was taken to a Syrian Army base on the Lebanon-Syria border where he was instructed by a Syrian Sergeant-Major in the use of RPGs and hand grenades. The suicide mission, Wabba said, was a joint operation of "Misr el-Urubba" and the P.P.S. (the Syrian National Party, a pro-Syrian organization in Lebanon).

In Lebanon, Wabba added, he had met four times with General Gazi Kanaan, the head of Syrian intelligence in Lebanon, and other senior Syrian officers. They met at Jdeyia in the Bekaa where he was presented to Kanaan as "the Egyptian hero."

"General Kanaan and the other Syrian officers told me," said Wabba, "that I am doing a great service to my people and to the Arab nation but I knew then that they are but a bunch of liars. They want to continue driving their Mercedes cars and continue their leisure life while me and my friends are being sent to

Israel or South Lebanon to commit suicide."

"Gazi Kanaan told me," continued Wabba, "that by giving publicity to sabotage actions done by Egyptians, Egypt may come back to the Arab nation's bosom." During the preparations for the new mission Wabba and another saboteur were filmed sitting together at a table covered by the Syrian flag and the flags of the P.P.S. and "Misr el-Urubba. The film was sent for General Kanaan's inspection. While filming the video tape in the Bekaa's base, they were accompanied by Hikmat Abu Yazid, one of the assistants to the chairman of the Syrian Ba'ath party, Abdallah el-Ahmar.

Escorted by Lebanese members of the P.P.S., Wabba was sent to Aisha in South Lebanon where he was meant to throw a hand grenade at the SLA or IDF patrols and then explode 11 kilos of explosives strapped to his body when the soldiers were to come and fetch him.

But Wabba decided to live and so, on the night of August 22, he turned himself over to the SLA soldiers. He also showed them where he was hiding the explosives. The SLA turned him over to the IDF.

Wabba on Friday seemed very sure of himself, repeating time and again that he was forced to join the Syrians. Otherwise he would have suffered the same fate as his Egyptian friends who were killed by the Syrians, he said.

5 SLA men hurt by mine

By DAVID RUDGE

ROSH HANIKRA. — Five South Lebanese Army soldiers were wounded in a mine explosion and a Nepalese Unifil trooper was shot in the leg by gunmen in unrelated incidents in South Lebanon on Friday, sources in the region reported.

In another incident on Friday, Shi'ite militiamen fired several mortar rounds at an SLA stronghold on the northern border of the security zone.

There were no reports of casualties to SLA troops in the mortar duels which continued, sporadically, for nearly three hours.

The shooting occurred in the Yatar region, scene of heavy fighting the previous Saturday in which four Shi'ite gunmen were killed by IDF troops.

According to military sources, the nearby deserted village of Yatar has been used by terrorists as a base for operations against targets inside the security zone and for firing Katyusha rockets at Galilee.

Residents in the area, however, have accused SLA soldiers of wounding civilians by "indiscriminate fire" thereby aggravating an already tense situation.

On Friday, SLA soldiers identified the source of the mortar attack as the environs of the nearby village of Kafra, north of the security zone. The SLA troops returned heavy fire, stopping the attacks.

The mine explosion occurred in the central sector of the security zone when a motorized SLA patrol was passing north of Beit J'ail village.

20 per cent inflation seen in coming months

By AVI TEMKIN

The Bank of Israel has strongly recommended that the Treasury avoid raising the prices of subsidized goods and fees for government services by more than the rate of inflation. The central bank has made such recommendation as part of an effort to bring inflation down to single digit figures.

But Finance Minister Moshe Nissim is apparently resigned to inflation running at an annual rate of 15 to 20 per cent during the next few months. Last week he told *The Jerusalem Post* that it would take one year for inflation to go down to a rate of 1 per cent a month. He admitted that it was much more difficult to have inflation down from 20 per cent to a single digit figure than to bring it down from 400 to 20 per cent.

The heads of the Treasury and the Bank of Israel met last week and discussed economic forecasts for the rest of this year. The central bank now estimates that the Gross Domestic Product of the business sector will rise by 5 per cent, and exports by 9 per cent. Inflation is expected to total 16 per cent this year.

But the Bank of Israel economists want to reduce inflation even more and think the government could do more in this area by easing the increases in the prices of subsidized goods and government services. Once such a plan is implemented and inflation starts slowing down, the government should press the Histadrut and the employers to abolish the Cost of Living allowance in its present form, the bank economists think.

Armed robbery at Tel Aviv cafe

TEL AVIV (Itim).—A pair of unmasked robbers, one armed with a Galil rifle, made off with over NIS 1,000 late Thursday night from the Le Croissant cafe on Ben Yehuda St. in Tel Aviv.

"At 1 a.m. I was about to close the cafe, and I went to the register to count the money," said cafe owner Tzahi Goldstein, 41. "Suddenly two young guys came. One carried a Galil rifle and pointed it at me, and they yelled: 'Put up your hands, this is a robbery.'"

"At first I thought they were joking," Goldstein said. "The two ordered a waitress and another woman to lie on the ground. One robber threatened Goldstein with the rifle and ordered him to empty the NIS 700 from the cash register and another NIS 300 from his pocket. The pair then took some jewelry and cash from the waitress, hit Goldstein on the head with the butt of the rifle, and made off in a dark Autobianchi that later turned out to have been stolen shortly before the robbery.

"I still don't remember their faces," Goldstein said, "but the police said they would come to me in a couple of days. I just remember that they were very young, had short haircuts, and one was blond."



Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek in his 'office' set up to protest delays over the proposed soccer stadium. (AFP)

Teddy takes to the street

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek demonstrated Friday outside the Prime Minister's Office to press his demand that Acting Interior Minister Yitzhak Shamir approve the construction of a football stadium in the Manhattan quarter in south Jerusalem.

Kolek relocated his "office" to the square opposite the Prime Minister's Office. With a table and a wireless telephone, he was able to conduct his mayoral affairs as usual. He even held a meeting of his One Jerusalem faction in the office. Behind his desk, he placed a sign

reading: "Honorable Prime Minister and Interior Minister, the residents of Israel's capital are entitled - after a longstanding commitment - to a stadium, which needs your signature."

Kolek has met with Shamir several times to discuss the issue, but said Shamir insists on a commitment that it not be used for games on the Sabbath. Kolek said that the decision whether or not to play on the Sabbath is up to the sports associations and not the municipality. (Itim)

Demjanjuk defence hires British documents expert

By ERNIE MEYER

The defence in the Demjanjuk war criminal case has engaged Julius Grant, Britain's foremost document expert, to examine the Trawniki identity card on, in, behalf, Grant, who holds a degree in chemistry, is closely connected with Scotland Yard. He arrived here on Friday and will be at the laboratory of the criminal identification department at national police headquarters today to start his examination of the crucial ID card.

This move by the defence seems designed to repair the damage to its case caused by the apparent failure of two previous document experts to

convince the court that the ID card is a forgery. It will be recalled that expert witness Anita Pritchard made a suicide attempt following her appearance on the stand.

Grant is staying at the American Colony hotel in East Jerusalem, the unofficial headquarters of the defence in the Demjanjuk trial.

Also at the hotel on Friday was Nikolai Tolstoy, the British historian who has written extensively on the anti-Russian Vlasov army set up near the end of World War II by the Germans. Tolstoy was to testify on this army in an effort to strengthen the alibi of the accused, who claims to have been a soldier in its ranks.

Husseini free after 10 days of questioning

By JOEL GREENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Palestinian activist Faisal Husseini was released Friday from jail after being held ten days for questioning at the Russian Compound lockup in Jerusalem.

Husseini, who heads the Arab Studies Society, a research and documentation centre in East Jerusalem, was suspected of membership in Fatah and of providing services to the organization. Security forces believe him to be a top PLO activist who has organized numerous strikes and demonstrations in the territories.

Husseini said after his release that he believed his detention was connected to his protest activities against Israeli rule in the territories. He said that despite repeated questioning, police were unable to produce any evidence against him which could justify his continued detention. He said he would continue his political activities.

Since his release in July from three months in administrative detention, Husseini has held a press conference and participated in a demonstration of the Jewish-Arab Committee Confronting the Iron Fist, to protest Israeli security policies in the territories.

In Gaza yesterday, a parked car belonging to an Israeli Arab from Beersheba was set on fire in the centre of the city, but there were no casualties.

Security forces have arrested a group of Gaza Strip residents suspected of involvement in a series of bombings of Israeli buses in recent months. The suspected Fatah cell was discovered after one of its members was injured last week while planting a bomb in a bus at the southern Tel Aviv bus depot.

Members of the cell are suspected of the June 3 bombing of a bus near the Ashkelon junction, in which the driver was wounded, bombing a bus in Jaffa in July, and planting booby-trapped grenades in buses in Petah Tikvah and Rehovot in June.

IAI PROTEST

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happened on Thursday and it shows quite clearly that we were not to blame."

The police fired tear gas grenades at the workers despite the fact that they complied with an order to move back from the police lines. Moses alleged, "We don't know why the tear gas was fired. Maybe the officers were trying to bait us, or maybe it was just a mistake."

Moses said that the workers were disappointed and angry over the fate of the Lavi. But he added, they had not given up hope. They had presented ministers, including Vice Premier Peres, Defence Minister Rabin and Finance Minister Nissim, with figures "proving that the Lavi will be cheaper for Israel in the long run than the F-16."

Democrat Gore supports Reagan on Gulf

Senator Albert Gore of Tennessee

says he is the only Democratic U.S. presidential candidate who is willing to say that he supports President Reagan's commitment of U.S. naval forces to the Gulf.

"We cannot abandon the principle of keeping open the international sea lanes," says the senator, who is currently visiting Israel. "The commitment is not a mistake. Now that we are there (it would be) a serious mistake to precipitately withdraw and abandon the principle of freedom of the seas."

But the commitment, says Gore, was born of error and an "initial mistake." He explains: "The secret weapons sales to Iran (and the Iran-gate scandal) led to a loss of American credibility in this part of the world. This led to Kuwait's request to the U.S. and the Soviets (to protect their vessels in the Gulf). Washington had to comply. So the initial mistake led to the current situation."

Gore is also bluntly critical of the Pentagon's "compounding" of the initial mistake by its failure to address the Iranian mine warfare capability and intentions, and to prepare the Gulf fleet appropriately.

Gore implicitly criticizes Western Europe when he says that "we should get more support in the Gulf from our European and Asian allies." All should work for a "speedy conclu-

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sion of the war, and without a winner. We don't want either Iran or Iraq to emerge from it stronger."

Gore, 39, has been in Congress, first in the House of Representatives and now in the Senate, for 11 years. He is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and Arms Control Observer Group. He believes he has a "realistic chance" of reaching the White House. He denies that his current candidacy is a mere national profile-winning ploy to another effort to win the presidency a few years hence. He believes that his Southern base gives him a clear advantage over other Democratic candidates.

Gore, the son of longtime Tennessee Senator Albert Gore, studied divinity and, later, law in Tennessee before studying government at Harvard. He was a reporter for seven years in Nashville on *The Tennesseean*, where, he recalls with a smile, he did investigative reporting that led to the jailing for corruption of several local government officials.

"And I volunteered and served in Vietnam for a year (1970-71), where I

was a Specialist 5 (sergeant) in the engineers."

He speaks of arms control and international affairs as his main interests, and obviously read up thoroughly on the Middle East before coming here for his week-long visit.

Asked about Syria, he avoids criticizing Washington's decision to send its ambassador back to Damascus.

"I'm very, very sceptical of Syria's role in any kind of peace process. President - that's the right way to address him? - Assad has shown great skill in appearing to be helpful (regarding hostages in Lebanon and the peace process) at certain junctures but his overall role has been that of an obstacle to the peace process. The return of our ambassador to Syria should not be seen as evidence of a conclusion on the part of the U.S. that all is well with Syria."

As for the ambassador's return, "there were many factors involved," says Gore. "There are major advantages in having a line of communication open even to someone who inspires scepticism. Certainly, it is not a sign that we have been beguiled. We in Congress will have to judge (in the light of Syria's future performance) whether this was a wise move. Certainly Syria's complicity in the Hladawi bomb attempt (in London, against an El Al passenger aircraft) was crystal clear."

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West Germans' hopes now on 'Glasnost'

Rust gets 4 years' labour camp

MOSCOW (Reuters). - The Soviet Supreme Court sentenced West German teenager Mathias Rust on Friday to four years in a labour camp for flying a light plane through Soviet air space and landing near Red Square without permission.

Judge Robert Tikhomirov imposed a four-year term for malicious hooliganism, a three-year term for violating international flight rules and a two-year term for illegally crossing the border. The terms will run concurrently.

Rust, 19, showed no emotion when the sentence was announced and was escorted out of the courtroom by two guards. He was allowed to return briefly to say goodbye to his mother Monika, father Karl-Heinz and younger brother Ingo.

He smiled as his mother approached the dock and he kissed her on the cheek as dozens of spectators and reporters massed around them.

Rust was sentenced to a general-regime labour camp, the least harsh of the four categories of Soviet penal colonies. The sentence is not subject to appeal, but the Kremlin has the power to pardon him.

West Germans reacted with dismay to the sentence but many see what happens next as a test of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's "glasnost" (openness) policy.

A lightning poll in Bonn of 2,010 West Germans by the Wickert Institute showed 88 per cent believed that Rust would be pardoned. Seventy-eight per cent believed that happened to him would be a test of glasnost.

The decision of a Moscow court to jail Rust for his exploit, flashed on West German radio, drawing gasps and dashing hopes that he would be let off lightly.

"Sympathy for Mathias Rust, no. Compassion, yes. Four years in a labour camp, even one of the least severe, is a tough, very tough penalty, but we cannot complain," television commentator Karl Heinz Schwab said.

Like senior Christian Democrat Alfred Dregger, who said the sentence "could have been worse," Schwab said there could be no question that Rust had committed a serious offence.

Film of the pale youth calmly hearing his sentence was shown repeatedly on West German television, as was his mother telling the world how they had both reacted with composure.

She was embraced by a young Russian sympathiser who shouted out in English that the verdict was a "break with glasnost."

At the Hamburg flying club where Rust took off

over three months ago with what he told the court was a dream of promoting international peace, friends were dismayed at the sentence.

But club chairman Frank Hansen said whatever happened next to Rust, the impassioned young flier faced a lifetime penalty. "After this escape it is very unlikely that he will get permission to fly a commercial aircraft," Hansen said.

A showpiece labour camp near Moscow is the most likely place for Rust to serve out his sentence, according to a recently-released Soviet dissident speaking in Paris.

Sima Yevsyukov, 25, said that conditions for convicts at the camp near Kryukovo, some 40 km outside the capital, were probably the easiest in the Soviet penal system.

"At Kryukovo there is white bread, enough food and there are no bugs. The work is mainly welding traffic signs and metal garages and is not too strenuous," he said. "It is the only camp in the Moscow region and it is where influential people arrange to have their relatives sent."

Yevsyukov, who spent almost four years in four different Siberian labour camps, said foreign delegations from Eastern Europe were shown around the camp as an example of the Soviet prisons.



Monika Rust (centre) with her sons Mathias (right) and Ingo (left) during a break Friday in Mathias's trial in Moscow for intruding into Soviet airspace and landing his plane in Red Square. (Reuters)

'Major national disaster' threatens

Huge fires rage in western U.S. states

SAN FRANCISCO (AP). - Nearly 20,000 weary firefighters began the weekend battling fires covering 500,000 acres of brush and timber yesterday in eight western states.

Nearly 1,000 more soldiers took courses to join the fight against the worst rash of brush and forest fires in the U.S. in more than a decade.

"We are in the midst of a major national disaster, assistant U.S. Agriculture Secretary George Dunlop said after touring California's Tuolumne county, where a 100,000-acre fire roared yesterday toward Yosemite National Park.

There was no relief in sight, according to the National Weather Service, which predicted more of the hot, dry weather that ignited the week-old inferno.

About 18,000 people were forced to flee the flames.

Most of the scorched earth was in California, where 375,000 acres were blackened, and in Oregon, where flames ravaged 104,000 acres of forest.

Smaller fires have charred parts of

Idaho, Arizona, Montana, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming. Dozens of firefighters have sustained minor injuries. One was struck and killed by a motorcycle on the fire lines at the outset of the blaze.

"We're making progress, but it's going to be a long, tough weekend," said Ray Naddy, a spokesman for firefighters in Oregon.

The U.S. Forest Service, which owns most of the lands where the fires are burning, already has exhausted its \$52 million emergency reserve fund in the battle, which is costing about \$4m. a day, officials said.

Prison inmates joined firefighters called in from as far away as New York and Maine.

In California, 11,500 firefighters fought to contain the fires, sparked mostly by lightning. They stretched from the foothills of Mount Palomar to Klamath national forest near the Oregon border in a giant arc through the Mojave desert and across the Sierra Nevada and Cascades.

Coup leader vows to continue his struggle against Aquino

MANILA, Philippines (AP). - The leader of last week's failed coup attempt against President Corazon Aquino said in a taped message broadcast yesterday he will continue to fight her "misguided and incapable" leadership.

Col. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan also said he had not intended to hurt her or anyone else.

It was the first time Honasan has spoken publicly since he led some 1,500 rebel troops in attacks on August 28 on the presidential palace and key military and broadcast installations that left at least 53 people dead and hundreds of others wounded.

The tape was broadcast by the private radio station DZRZ a day after police arrested Honasan's brother, Don, and seized weapons and ammunition from a building reportedly owned by Senator Juan Ponce Enrile. Honasan, who fled as loyalist troops recaptured the armed forces general headquarters from the rebels, said the attacks were "an initial necessary step to set a new direction for our country and people."

He said Aquino's government was indecisive against communist guerrillas, and duplicated the corruption and incompetence of ousted president Ferdinand Marcos. "This we cannot allow, and we shall not allow it," he said. Replying to charges by Aquino, whose son was wounded in the fighting, that the rebels wanted to kill her and her family, Honasan said the rebels had no intention of harming her.

"It was politically untenable for us to do so given a leader that is perceived to be popular, sincere and committed, no matter how misguided and incapable she may be," he said.

He described the death toll, which included 22 civilians, as "regrettable and inexcusable" and said his forces decided to withdraw when loyal troops counter-attacked because casualties were mounting.

"It may have been a fatal tactical error on our part, but it was a gamble we were prepared to take to save more lives," he said.

Honasan said he mounted the mutiny because the military leadership was not assertive against policies of the civilian government that he considered anti-military.

If Chief of Staff Gen. Fidel V. Ramos had acted as decisively in fighting Communists or formulating the civilian government's anti-insurgency policy as he did in quelling the military mutiny, he said, "this whole affair could have been avoided."

FOREIGN BRIEFS

Libya lauds UK move freeing funds

LONDON (Reuters). - Libya said on Friday that a British court ruling that an American bank must release funds blocked by a U.S. freeze on Libyan assets was a great victory over the country's enemies.

The Libyan news agency Iana, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation, quoted the secretary of the People's Committee for the Treasury as saying the released funds were an important part of the assets affected by the U.S. move.

A British High Court judge ruled on Wednesday that Bankers Trust New York must pay out \$292 million of Libyan assets locked into accounts in London and New York in January 1986 when President Reagan froze Libyan deposits in U.S. banks around the world because of Tripoli's alleged involvement in terrorism.

Lights off to get back looted goods

KARACHI (Reuters). - Pakistani police switched off streetlights to allow people in Hyderabad to return articles they looted during ethnic riots last month, a government spokesman said on Friday.

Looters put the articles in the streets on Thursday night for the owners to recover.

The spokesman said police adopted the method after earlier appeals had been ignored. No action was taken against those who returned the television sets, transistor radios, electric irons, washing machines, shoes, clothing and other items they had stolen.

Hussein discusses Yarmouk dam with Syria

AMMAN. - King Hussein met Syrian Prime Minister Abdel-Rauf al-Kasm on Friday and discussed the "Unity dam" agreement signed by Syria and Jordan the previous day, the official news agency Petra reported.

The two countries agreed to activate a long-delayed project to dam the Yarmouk river in north Jordan to irrigate land and generate power for both of them. Details have not been released.

Construction of the dam was postponed in 1980, partly due to Syrian objections. Diplomats said the agreement was a symbol of growing warmth in relations between Amman and Damascus.

Four more arrests in Yugoslav fraud scandal

BELGRADE (AFP). - Four more bosses linked to the troubled Yugoslav state-owned agro-industrial concern Agrokomprom, rocked by a \$300 million fraud scandal, were arrested Friday.

Six people have now been arrested since last month, when the scandal broke. Agrokomprom bosses are accused of issuing \$300 million worth of unbacked promissory notes - worthless IOUs.

Those arrested Friday included Agrokomprom's Vice-Chairman Ibrahim Mujic, who was sacked, and Josip Agic, the director of the Bihac branch of the Sarajevo Bank.

The two others arrested Friday were the director of the Velika Kladusa branch of the Bihac bank, and the director of Agrokomprom's internal bank.

Nicaragua approves Indian autonomy

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AFP). - The National Assembly has approved a statute of autonomy for Miskito Indians who live along Nicaragua's isolated Caribbean coast.

The statute is aimed at addressing grievances of the Indians that the leftist Sandinista Front government has not respected their lifestyle, their use of English and tribal languages, and that it has forced them off their traditional homelands.

Approved Wednesday night, the 43-article statute would also include Indians of the Sumo and Rama tribes who live in the low-lying coastal region.

Lebanon hunger protests grow

BEIRUT (Reuters). - Thousands of people demonstrated against hunger and poverty across war-racked Lebanon on Friday, with protests spreading to relatively affluent Christian areas for the first time.

About 7,000 people carrying effigies of victims of poverty shoulder-high tramped through mainly Moslem West Beirut, chanting: "We are hungry, we want to eat."

In Christian East Beirut, about 1,500 people marched to the finance

Seoul warns violent strikers as auto exports slump

SEOUL (AP). - The government said yesterday it would "severely" punish workers involved in violent strikes, and the auto industry reported slumping exports.

Prime Minister Kim Chung Yul told a special cabinet session that violent strikes were a threat to national stability and must be suppressed. He directed law enforcement agencies to restore law and order swiftly.

"The authorities are ordered to actively guide the workers and at the same time severely punish offenders," Kim said in a statement after the meeting. "Such violent acts threaten to shake the social order."

Yonhap, the national news agency, reported yesterday that the country's three automakers had fallen behind on exports because of the strikes that have disrupted the economy since July.

Hundreds of thousands of workers demanding more pay and shorter working hours have joined in more than 3,000 strikes across the nation in South Korea's worst-ever labour unrest.

The Labour Ministry yesterday reported some 570 strikes nationwide. Korean carmakers were expected to miss their 1987 export target of 685,000 cars by 135,000, said the report.

Hyundai Co., the country's largest automaker, said yesterday it had suspended assembly work because of a parts shortage.

Daewoo Co., the country's second-largest automaker, said it hoped to resume work at its main plant this week. Riot police stormed the facility Friday to end an occupation by strikers, but strikers gave no indication they would return to work.

143 die this year in Afghan attacks on Soviet aircraft

MOSCOW (Reuters). - The Soviet army newspaper *Krasnaya Zvezda* said on Friday that rebel attacks on Soviet-built Antonov transport planes used in Afghan civil aviation had killed 143 people this year.

The tally included six people reported killed when an Antonov-26 carrying two tonnes of wheat was shot down on its approach to Khost airport in eastern Afghanistan on Tuesday.

The newspaper also listed:

- 36 people killed when a transport plane was shot down while taking off from Khost on February 9
- 50 who died when an Antonov hit by a missile exploded over Afghanistan's eastern Zabul province on July 11
- 11 killed in an attack on an Antonov shot down 40 km. from Khost on August 13.

It said an additional 40 people died when an Antonov-26 was attacked by a Pakistani warplane near the border on March 30. Pakistan has said the Antonov, which bore military markings, had intruded 16 km. into its airspace.

The Antonovs used for transport of people and goods in Afghanistan are painted in olive-green camouflage colours and are virtually indistinguishable from military planes.

Using a slight change of tone from standard Soviet press attacks on Moslem guerrillas fighting the Soviet-backed Afghan government, *Krasnaya Zvezda* described the rebels as hirelings of their weapons suppliers.

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Abu Nidal out, U.S. into Syria

DAMASCUS (AFP). - The return on Wednesday of Washington's ambassador to Syria William Eagleton was made possible by Syria's decision in June to close the Syrian offices of Palestinian extremist Abu Nidal's group, a senior U.S. official here said Friday.

The diplomat, who requested anonymity, said Washington had also been persuaded by Syria's abstention from terrorism recently, and by its efforts to free western hostages in Lebanon.

But he said Washington would not lift sanctions imposed last October until it received further proof of Syria's willingness to combat terrorism.

The European Economic Community (EEC) commissioner for Middle East affairs Claude Cheysson arrived here Friday for a three-day visit, correspondents said.

Greeted by his host, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Shara, Cheysson said, "Tension in the Gulf is worrying for all of us."

He added that "Syria has an important role to play in the region, in Lebanon and in any international conference on Middle East peace."

Arms train severs legs of U.S. Anti-Contra activist

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP). - Rosario Murillo, common-law wife of Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega, arrived here Friday with five of her children to visit an anti-war activist who lost both his legs at a demonstration this week.

Miss Murillo said she had already met Brian Wilson, a veteran of the Indo-China conflict who knelt on Tuesday in front of a running train allegedly carrying munitions to Central America.

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Warsaw mourns for tram, rail victims

WARSAW (Reuters). - Warsaw authorities shut down all cinemas and theatres on Friday, declaring it a day of mourning for 13 people killed in rail and tram disasters in the city on Thursday.

An official inquiry was under way into the two accidents.

They occurred within a few hours of each other in different parts of the city and injured more than 120 people on a day dubbed "Black Thursday" by the official media.

Hospital workers said many injured when two trams collided in central Warsaw because of a switching failure were in a critical condition. The death toll was expected to be higher.

Shortly afterwards, at least six people were killed and about 50 injured when a commuter train approaching Wlochy station on the outskirts of Warsaw rammed a stationary one, derailed coaches on a high railway embankment.

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Influx of illegal immigrants linked to crime syndicates

Japan gets its dirty jobs done with Asian wetbacks

TOKYO. — Poor Asian workers, many smuggled into Japan by organized criminals gangs, are providing cheap labour to do the hard and dirty jobs which Japanese now despise.

Japan does not want them, but it needs them.

Government officials blame the country's crime syndicates, the Yakuza, for an influx of Asian illegal immigrants who are often prepared to work for only one-tenth the wage Japanese workers would expect.

A senior Justice Ministry official said 7,782 illegal workers were arrested last year, but this was only "the tip of the iceberg."

Labour Ministry and industry officials said the number was soaring, especially in labour-intensive industries which found it difficult to attract Japanese who now prefer cleaner, less physically demanding jobs.

"The number of illegal migrant workers is rising so rapidly that the Ministry of Labour is worried about the bad effects it could have on the nation's employment," said Eri Aoki of the ministry's employment policy division.

Unemployment rose to a record 3.2 per cent in May and the outlook is expected to remain gloomy, economists said.

Labour Ministry officials said they had no idea exactly how many illegal workers were here but a Justice Ministry swoop in June rounded up 540 foreigners, 70 per cent more than the last ministry crackdown in November.

Japanese laws ban the import of unskilled labour, but despite the risks involved and the low pay, Japan is still an attractive destination for migrant workers.

The influx has been fuelled by the yen's soaring value over the past two years and the drop in employment opportunities in the Middle East as a result of declining oil revenues.

Japanese officials predicted the problem would worsen as the government's multi-billion dollar capital works programme designed to boost the domestic economy gathered force.

Japan, bowing to overseas pressure, is trying to reform its export-led economy and to become more dependent on domestic demand. This would enable Japan to absorb more imports, thus cutting its surpluses with major trading partners.

But an official of a major construction firm said: "We are not sure we can finish all public works orders because of the workforce shortage."

Civil engineering firms were consequently driven into hiring more cheap Asian workers even though this was illegal, industry sources said.

Small manufacturers, hard hit by the yen's sharp rise, are also major employers of illegal Asian labour, because their wages are much lower.

The yen's 60 per cent rise against the dollar has cut into the export earnings of Japan's major industries, in turn forcing their smaller subcontractors to reduce production.

Some economists, concerned that Japanese could lose their jobs to cheap Asian workers, criticized the Labour Ministry for not cracking down firmly enough on illegal employment.

But Aoki said the ministry was instructing local authorities to ask industries in their area to refrain from hiring Asian workers.

She said the government was firm in its policy of banning migrant workers.

Officials added that the Justice Ministry was tightening immigration controls at airports and the Foreign Ministry was becoming stricter about issuing tourist visas in such countries as the Philippines, a major source of illegal workers.

(Reuters)

Israelis plan Chess for Peace tourney

BY DAVID HOROVITZ

Jerusalem Post Correspondent LONDON. — Israel's chess players are planning to stage an international "Chess for Peace" tournament at home, following the success of the current peace tournament here, national champion Nathan Birnboim said at the weekend.

"We've actually been planning a peace tournament for quite some time," Birnboim told *The Jerusalem Post*. "We've just been waiting for the right moment to get preparations under way."

Birnboim is competing here with seven other Israeli and international players from 24 countries, including Egypt, Qatar, Lebanon and the United Arab Emirates. He told *The Post* that he was sure the Egyptian players would attend a tournament in Israel, "and so would the many top Arab players who are not based in the Middle East."

Birnboim noted that an Israeli chess team went to Cairo to play Egypt soon after president Sadat's visit to Israel. "The Egyptians were planning a reciprocal visit when the Lebanon war broke out," he said. "Although that put paid to the match, our relations with the Egyptians have remained strong and very friendly."

"The main idea of an Israeli tournament, of course, would be to invite world champion Gary Kasparov (who is half-Jewish)," said Birnboim. "Since the Russians' hard-line on Israel has eased of late, we think there's a good chance that he would be able to come and play."

The Israeli players were generous in their praise for the London "Chess for Peace" tournament, the brain-child of Egyptian-born Ali Amin.

Adrian Schwartz, ex-Israeli backgammon champion and world backgammon number three, said that, as the tournament progresses "the ice is breaking between us and the Arab players. We regard it as a great step forward that they have agreed to take part."

Although over 200 players accepted Amin's invitation to play in the event, half of them backed out after the prize money was slashed.

Amin told *The Post* that he had been promised \$236,000 from Saudi King Fahd in sponsorship, "but the king pulled out at the last moment. He apparently did not want his name associated with the tournament — presumably because I had invited the Israelis. I had the choice of cancelling the whole thing — which would have been the easy course — or of going ahead with my own money."

Amin said that he had put his house up for security in taking a \$38,000 loan to finance the tournament. He is providing prize money, expenses and even accommodation for some of the players, including several of the Israelis.

Princess wants to send India 20,000 cows

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — If a Greek princess has her way, India's 200 million sacred cows will soon be rubbing horns with some of their better-fed cousins from Europe.

Princess Irene wants to save two million European cows which she says will be slaughtered by 1990 because of milk surplus forcing farmers to get rid of dairy breeds.

And where better to give them refuge than India, with its overwhelming majority of Hindus who worship the cow as a symbol of motherhood and innocence?

The princess said she had persuaded the Indian government to accept 20,000 European cows.

"There is nothing more dangerous than a do-gooder, and this is exactly how many dairy experts feel about Princess Irene," said India's *Business Standard* newspaper.

PICK OF THE WEEK



Workers begin to tear down the roof of Spandau prison after the death on August 17 of its last prisoner, Nazi leader Rudolf Hess. The West Berlin prison is scheduled to be torn down completely later this month. (AFP)



At left, a Shiite Amal member in West Beirut stains his body with blood after cutting veins on top of his head, as followers behind him brandish swords during the Ashura celebration marking the 7th century martyrdom of Hussein, grandson of Mohammed. At right, rescue workers try to remove the body of one of six people killed in a train crash in Warsaw. Two crashes there last week took the lives of 12 people. (Reuters)



Brian Wilson, a protester blocking tracks at a naval weapons station in Concord, California was hit by a whistle-blowing ammunition train. Wilson lost both of his legs. Some 45 people were protesting against weapons shipments to Central America. (AFP)

Chagall 'comes home' in exhibit at Moscow's Pushkin Art Museum

MOSCOW (AP). — One hundred years after Marc Chagall's birth and 65 years after he abandoned the new Soviet state for life in the West, the first major exhibition of his art opened in his native land last week.

More than 250 paintings, lithographs and sketches have been removed from the attics and storehouses of Soviet museums or flown in from private collections in France and the U.S. for the exhibit at the Pushkin Art Museum.

"Let us rejoice that he is back home, or at least that his works are

home," said Andrei Voznesensky, a prominent Soviet poet and one of the organizers of the exhibit.

Voznesensky acknowledged that political whims of the past had deprived the late artist of official recognition here, but said that "in time, the Soviet government will erect a proper memorial to Chagall." The artist was born in Vitebsk in what is now the Soviet republic of Byelorussia. Chagall was already a recognized young artist when he emigrated in 1923, five years after the Bolshevik revolution that brought the communists to power.

"Today the purifying wind of glasnost is bringing us a full picture of the creative work of this man, who despite his long life abroad never thought of renouncing his homeland," the Novosti press agency reported. "Glasnost" or openness, is Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's campaign for freer artistic and political expression.

Meanwhile, in Zurich yesterday, police said that two 20th century masterpieces, a self-portrait by Marc Chagall and a nude by French painter George Rouault had been stolen from a Zurich art gallery.

Favour for Gorbachev

tives retire on a pension. I'm speaking about the ruling clique.

That's already better. But to do it we have to find a formal excuse.

I think, Mikhail Sergeevich, we must begin with those who are stronger, and because of it, more dangerous. And it's easy to find an excuse: We have to show that they are not as strong as they should be in their positions.

Excellent. I'm glad that you catch on so quickly. So, how can we show that the aged marshals are unable to cope with their duties and do it without having quarrelled with the army?

Maybe by provoking the Americans to strike an atomic blow on Moscow and afterwards putting all the generals under a home arrest for having overlooked this blow.

Look for a more economical way. If so, Mikhail Sergeevich, there does not have to be an atomic blow, we must only show that the enemy can easily strike such a blow at any moment and our generals are not

ready to fend it off.

And how are you going to show it? It's very simple. We'll have an American bomber land in Red Square without being noticed by our air defence.

It won't do. A bomber is larger than your square. The mausoleum will be an obstacle.

We may dismantle the mausoleum for a while.

Look for a simpler variant. I don't wish to potter with the great leader's corpse.

We may have a small plane land. But an American one too. A sport model.

Not an American one. It'll have to fly from afar. Better take a West German plane. And let it fly from some neutral country. That won't cause a scandal. After that we'll remove the ruling clique of the army and give the post of minister of defence to one of our lot. When we finish with the army, all the other conservatives will understand that we are not to be trifled with. Cheers!

As it is now known, this exact scenario was fulfilled. It's why I think that to be fair, Gorbachev has to award his friend Mathias Rust the highest Soviet order, and not prosecute him.

UK tabloids join forces

rapid rise and fall of the *London Daily News* — occurred this weekend, with the announcement that the *Star* and *Sunday Sport* were joining forces.

While the *Star*, since its launch seven years ago, has been battling the *Sun* for the smuttier end of the British readership, *Sunday Sport's* mix of sex, scandal and more sex is so down-market as to have disappeared off the bottom of the scale.

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Turkey votes today on party exiles

BY KEN MACKENZIE

ANKARA. — Turkey reaches a crossroads in its political history today when 25 million people vote in a bizarre referendum to determine whether full democratic rights should be restored to about 100 former politicians banned by the military after the 1980 coup.

It is an issue which has bitterly divided the nation: ugly clashes have occurred between opposing factions and police are on the alert.

Although the latest opinion polls suggest a "yes" vote in favour of lifting the bans on the former politicians, the outcome is still wide open. It will be decided by the votes of several million villages in eastern Anatolia, most of whom have not the faintest comprehension of the abstract constitutional issues involved.

In practice, the referendum has degenerated into a bitter contest between two desperate men: Prime Minister Turgut Ozal and his arch-rival, former prime minister Süleyman Demirel.

Ozal is campaigning relentlessly for a "no" vote while Demirel is spearheading the "yes" campaign. A few years ago, they were close friends; today, there is a political blood-feud between them, and the loser could suffer irreversible dam-

age. In Demirel's case, he would remain banned from politics until November 1992.

The former socialist prime minister Bulent Ecevit is also campaigning passionately for a "yes" vote but as the Turkish left is badly split, he does not pose a serious challenge to Ozal.

There is a national agreement that the referendum is unnecessary. Last May the National Assembly voted by a huge majority to lift the bans on Demirel, Ecevit and the other former politicians. But Ozal dreamed up the idea of a referendum in the hope that the nation would reverse the parliamentary decision and consign his rivals to permanent oblivion.

But this Byzantine strategem has provoked widespread criticism, even from members of Ozal's ruling Motherland Party. However, the prime minister's strongest card is the undoubted mismanagement of the country by both Demirel and Ecevit during the 1970s when Turkey came close to war.

Whatever the result, it will have serious consequences for Turkey both domestically and internationally.

If Ozal loses there would be a clamour for an early general election.

